

of Senate Resolution 59, a bill designating both July 2, 1999, and July 2, 2000, as "National Literacy Day."

SENATE RESOLUTION 68

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 68, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the treatment of women and girls by the Taliban in Afghanistan.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCIES AS A PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS

ABRAHAM (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 254

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. ABRAHAM for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. THOMPSON, and Mr. VOINOVICH) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 557) to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE II—SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS PRESERVATION AND DEBT REDUCTION ACT

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Social Security Surplus Preservation and Debt Reduction Act".

SEC. 202. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the \$69,246,000,000 unified budget surplus achieved in fiscal year 1998 was entirely due to surpluses generated by the social security trust funds and the cumulative unified budget surpluses projected for subsequent fiscal years are primarily due to surpluses generated by the social security trust funds;

(2) Congress and the President should balance the budget excluding the surpluses generated by the social security trust funds;

(3) according to the Congressional Budget Office, balancing the budget excluding the surpluses generated by the social security trust funds will reduce the debt held by the public by a total of \$1,723,000,000,000 by the end of fiscal year 2009; and

(4) social security surpluses should be used for social security reform or to reduce the debt held by the public and should not be spent on other programs.

SEC. 203. PROTECTION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS.

(a) PROTECTION BY CONGRESS.—

(1) REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT.—Congress reaffirms its support for the provisions of section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 that provides that the receipts and disbursements of the social security trust funds shall not be counted for the purposes of the budget submitted by the President, the congressional budget, or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

(2) PROTECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.—If there are sufficient balances in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, the Secretary of Treasury shall give priority to the payment of social security benefits required to be paid by law.

(b) POINTS OF ORDER.—Section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(j) SOCIAL SECURITY POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider a concurrent resolution on the budget, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon that violates section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990.

"(k) DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC POINT OF ORDER.—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider any bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference report that would—

"(1) increase the limit on the debt held by the public in section 253A(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; or

"(2) provide additional borrowing authority that would result in the limit on the debt held by the public in section 253A(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 being exceeded.

"(l) SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS PROTECTION POINT OF ORDER.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider a concurrent resolution on the budget, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon that sets forth a deficit in any fiscal year.

"(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply if—

"(A) the limit on the debt held by the public in section 253A(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is suspended; or

"(B) the deficit for a fiscal year results solely from the enactment of—

"(i) social security reform legislation, as defined in section 253A(e)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; or

"(ii) provisions of legislation that are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) or 252(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.".

(c) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—Subsections (c)(1) and (d)(2) of section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are amended by striking "305(b)(2)," and inserting "301(k), 301(l), 305(b)(2), 318,".

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 318 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as added by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(c) EXCEPTION FOR DEFENSE SPENDING.—Subsection (b) shall not apply against an emergency designation for a provision making discretionary appropriations in the defense category.".

SEC. 204. DEDICATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES TO REDUCTION IN THE DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT OF 1974.—The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended—

(1) in section 3, by adding at the end the following:

"(11)(A) The term 'debt held by the public' means the outstanding face amount of all debt obligations issued by the United States Government that are held by outside investors, including individuals, corporations, State or local governments, foreign governments, and the Federal Reserve System.

"(B) For the purpose of this paragraph, the term 'face amount', for any month, of any debt obligation issued on a discount basis that is not redeemable before maturity at the option of the holder of the obligation is an amount equal to the sum of—

"(i) the original issue price of the obligation; plus

"(ii) the portion of the discount on the obligation attributable to periods before the beginning of such month.

"(12) The term 'social security surplus' means the amount for a fiscal year that receipts exceed outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.";

(2) in section 301(a) by—

(A) redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

(B) inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

"(6) the debt held by the public; and"; and

(3) in section 310(a) by—

(A) striking "or" at the end of paragraph (3);

(B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and

(C) inserting the following new paragraph;

"(4) specify the amounts by which the statutory limit on the debt held by the public is to be changed and direct the committee having jurisdiction to recommend such change; or".

(b) AMENDMENTS TO THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985.—The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended—

(1) in section 250, by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) GENERAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—This part provides for the enforcement of—

"(1) a balanced budget excluding the receipts and disbursements of the social security trust funds; and

"(2) a limit on the debt held by the public to ensure that social security surpluses are used for social security reform or to reduce debt held by the public and are not spent on other programs.";

(2) in section 250(c)(1), by inserting "' debt held by the public', 'social security surplus'" after "outlays"; and

(3) by inserting after section 253 the following:

"SEC. 253A. DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC LIMIT.

"(a) LIMIT.—The debt held by the public shall not exceed—

"(1) for the period beginning May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001, \$3,628,000,000,000;

"(2) for the period beginning May 1, 2001 through April 30, 2002, \$3,512,000,000,000;

"(3) for the period beginning May 1, 2002 through April 30, 2004, \$3,383,000,000,000;

"(4) for the period beginning May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2006, \$3,100,000,000,000;

"(5) for the period beginning May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2008, \$2,775,000,000,000; and,

"(6) for the period beginning May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2010, \$2,404,000,000,000.

"(b) ADJUSTMENTS FOR ACTUAL SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS LEVELS.—

"(1) ESTIMATED LEVELS.—The estimated level of social security surpluses for the purposes of this section is—

"(A) for fiscal year 1999, \$127,000,000,000;

"(B) for fiscal year 2000, \$137,000,000,000;

"(C) for fiscal year 2001, \$145,000,000,000;

"(D) for fiscal year 2002, \$153,000,000,000;

"(E) for fiscal year 2003, \$162,000,000,000;

"(F) for fiscal year 2004, \$171,000,000,000;

"(G) for fiscal year 2005, \$184,000,000,000;

"(H) for fiscal year 2006, \$193,000,000,000;

"(I) for fiscal year 2007, \$204,000,000,000;

"(J) for fiscal year 2008, \$212,000,000,000; and

"(K) for fiscal year 2009, \$218,000,000,000.

"(2) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR ACTUAL SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES.—After October 1 and no later than December 31 of each year, the Secretary shall make the following calculations and adjustments:

"(A) CALCULATION.—After the Secretary determines the actual level for the social security surplus for the current year, the Secretary shall take the estimated level of the social security surplus for that year specified in paragraph (1) and subtract that actual level.

"(B) ADJUSTMENT.—

"(i) 2000 THROUGH 2004.—With respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3), the Secretary shall add the amount calculated under subparagraph (A) to—

“(I) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that begins on May 1st of the following calendar year; and

“(II) each subsequent limit.

“(ii) 2004 THROUGH 2010.—With respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6), the Secretary shall add the amount calculated under subparagraph (A) to—

“(I) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that includes May 1st of the following calendar year; and

“(II) each subsequent limit.

“(c) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR EMERGENCIES.—

“(1) ESTIMATE OF LEGISLATION.—

“(A) CALCULATION.—If legislation is enacted into law that contains a provision that is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) or 252(e), OMB shall estimate the amount the debt held by the public will change as a result of the provision's effect on the level of total outlays and receipts excluding the impact on outlays and receipts of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

“(B) BASELINE LEVELS.—OMB shall calculate the changes in subparagraph (A) relative to baseline levels for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2010 using current estimates.

“(C) ESTIMATE.—OMB shall include the estimate required by this paragraph in the report required under section 251(a)(7) or section 252(d), as the case may be.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT.—After January 1 and no later than May 1 of each calendar year beginning with calendar year 2000—

“(A) with respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3), the Secretary shall add the amounts calculated under paragraph (1)(A) for the current year included in the report referenced in paragraph (1)(C) to—

“(i) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that begins on May 1 of that calendar year; and

“(ii) each subsequent limit; and

“(B) with respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6), the Secretary shall add the amounts calculated under paragraph (1)(A) for the current year included in the report referenced in paragraph (1)(C) to—

“(i) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that includes May 1 of that calendar year; and

“(ii) each subsequent limit.

“(3) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary shall not make the adjustments pursuant to this section if the adjustments for the current year are less than the on-budget surplus for the year before the current year.

“(d) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR LOW ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WAR.—

“(1) SUSPENSION OF STATUTORY LIMIT ON DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—

“(A) LOW ECONOMIC GROWTH.—If the most recent of the Department of Commerce's advance, preliminary, or final reports of actual real economic growth indicate that the rate of real economic growth for each of the most recently reported quarter and the immediately preceding quarter is less than 1 percent, the limit on the debt held by the public established in this section is suspended.

“(B) WAR.—If a declaration of war is in effect, the limit on the debt held by the public established in this section is suspended.

“(2) RESTORATION OF STATUTORY LIMIT ON DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—

“(A) RESTORATION OF LIMIT.—The statutory limit on debt held by the public shall be restored on May 1 following the quarter in which the level of real Gross Domestic Product in the final report from the Department of Commerce is equal to or is higher than the

level of real Gross Domestic Product in the quarter preceding the first two quarters that caused the suspension of the pursuant to paragraph (1).

“(B) ADJUSTMENT.—

“(i) CALCULATION.—The Secretary shall take level of the debt held by the public on October 1 of the year preceding the date referenced in subparagraph (A) and subtract the limit in subsection (a) for the period of years that includes the date referenced in subparagraph (A).

“(ii) ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary shall add the amount calculated under clause (i) to—

“(I) the limit in subsection (a) for the period of fiscal years that includes the date referenced in subparagraph (A); and

“(II) each subsequent limit.

“(e) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PROVISIONS THAT AFFECT ON-BUDGET LEVELS.—

“(1) ESTIMATE OF LEGISLATION.—

“(A) CALCULATION.—If social security reform legislation is enacted, OMB shall estimate the amount the debt held by the public will change as a result of the legislation's effect on the level of total outlays and receipts excluding the impact on outlays and receipts of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

“(B) BASELINE LEVELS.—OMB shall calculate the changes in subparagraph (A) relative to baseline levels for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2010 using current estimates.

“(C) ESTIMATE.—OMB shall include the estimate required by this paragraph in the report required under section 252(d) for social security reform legislation.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT TO LIMIT ON THE DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—If social security reform legislation is enacted, the Secretary shall adjust the limit on the debt held by the public for each period of fiscal years by the amounts determined under paragraph (1)(A) for the relevant fiscal years included in the report referenced in paragraph (1)(C).

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(2) SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM LEGISLATION.—The term ‘social security reform legislation’ means a bill or joint resolution that is enacted into law and includes a provision stating the following:

“() SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM LEGISLATION.—For the purposes of the Social Security Surplus Preservation and Debt Reduction Act, this Act constitutes social security reform legislation.”

This paragraph shall apply only to the first bill or joint resolution enacted into law as described in this paragraph.

“(3) SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PROVISIONS.—The term ‘social security reform provisions’ means a provision or provisions identified in social security reform legislation stating the following:

“() SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PROVISIONS.—For the purposes of the Social Security Surplus Preservation and Debt Reduction Act, _____ of this Act constitutes or constitute social security reform provisions, with a list of specific provisions in that bill or joint resolution specified in the blank space.”

SEC. 205. PRESIDENT'S BUDGET.

Section 1105(f) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “in a manner consistent” and inserting “in compliance”.

SEC. 206. SUNSET.

This title and the amendments made by this title shall expire on April 30, 2010.

ABRAHAM (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 255

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. LOTT, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. THOMPSON) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 557, supra; as follows:

In the amendment strike all after the word “Title” and add the following:

II—SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUS PRESERVATION AND DEBT REDUCTION ACT

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Social Security Surplus Preservation and Debt Reduction Act”.

SEC. 202. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the \$69,246,000,000 unified budget surplus achieved in fiscal year 1998 was entirely due to surpluses generated by the social security trust funds and the cumulative unified budget surpluses projected for subsequent fiscal years are primarily due to surpluses generated by the social security trust funds;

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(1) REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT.—Congress reaffirms its support for the provisions of section 13301 of the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 that provides that the receipts and disbursements of the social security trust funds shall not be counted for the purposes of the budget submitted by the President, the congressional budget, or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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(b) POINTS OF ORDER.—Section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following:

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“(1) increase the limit on the debt held by the public in section 253A(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; or

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“(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall not be in order in the Senate to consider a concurrent resolution on the budget, an amendment thereto, or a conference report thereon that sets forth a deficit in any fiscal year.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply if—

“(A) the limit on the debt held by the public in section 253A(a) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is suspended; or

“(B) the deficit for a fiscal year results solely from the enactment of—

“(i) social security reform legislation, as defined in section 253A(e)(2) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; or

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(c) SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.—Subsections (c)(1) and (d)(2) of section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are amended by striking “305(b)(2),” and inserting “301(k), 301(l), 305(b)(2), 318.”.

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“(B) For the purpose of this paragraph, the term ‘face amount’, for any month, of any debt obligation issued on a discount basis that is not redeemable before maturity at the option of the holder of the obligation is an amount equal to the sum of—

“(i) the original issue price of the obligation; plus

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“(12) The term ‘social security surplus’ means the amount for a fiscal year that receipts exceed outlays of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.”;

(2) in section 301(a) by—

(A) redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively; and

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(3) in section 310(a) by—

(A) striking “or” at the end of paragraph (3);

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“(4) specify the amounts by which the statutory limit on the debt held by the public is to be changed and direct the committee having jurisdiction to recommend such change; or”.

(b) AMENDMENTS TO THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985.—The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended—

(1) in section 250, by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) GENERAL STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.—This part provides for the enforcement of—

“(1) a balanced budget excluding the receipts and disbursements of the social security trust funds; and

“(2) a limit on the debt held by the public to ensure that social security surpluses are used for social security reform or to reduce debt held by the public and are not spent on other programs.”;

(2) in section 250(c)(1), by inserting “‘debt held by the public’, ‘social security surplus’” after “outlays,”; and

(3) by inserting after section 253 the following:

“SEC. 253A. DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC LIMIT.

“(a) LIMIT.—The debt held by the public shall not exceed—

“(1) for the period beginning May 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001, \$3,628,000,000,000;

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“(6) for the period beginning May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2010, \$2,404,000,000,000.

“(b) ADJUSTMENTS FOR ACTUAL SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES LEVELS.—

“(1) ESTIMATED LEVELS.—The estimated level of social security surpluses for the purposes of this section is—

“(A) for fiscal year 1999, \$127,000,000,000;

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“(C) for fiscal year 2001, \$145,000,000,000;

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“(2) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR ACTUAL SOCIAL SECURITY SURPLUSES.—After October 1 and no later than December 31 of each year, the Secretary shall make the following calculations and adjustments:

“(A) CALCULATION.—After the Secretary determines the actual level for the social security surplus for the current year, the Secretary shall take the estimated level of the social security surplus for that year specified in paragraph (1) and subtract that actual level.

“(B) ADJUSTMENT.—

“(i) 2000 THROUGH 2004.—With respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3), the Secretary shall add the amount calculated under subparagraph (A) to—

“(I) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that begins on May 1st of the following calendar year; and

“(II) each subsequent limit.

“(ii) 2004 THROUGH 2010.—With respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6), the Secretary shall add the amount calculated under subparagraph (A) to—

“(I) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that includes May 1st of the following calendar year; and

“(II) each subsequent limit.

“(c) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR EMERGENCIES.—

“(1) ESTIMATE OF LEGISLATION.—

“(A) CALCULATION.—If legislation is enacted into law that contains a provision that is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) or 252(e), OMB shall estimate the amount the debt

held by the public will change as a result of the provision's effect on the level of total outlays and receipts excluding the impact on outlays and receipts of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

“(B) BASELINE LEVELS.—OMB shall calculate the changes in subparagraph (A) relative to baseline levels for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2010 using current estimates.

“(C) ESTIMATE.—OMB shall include the estimate required by this paragraph in the report required under section 251(a)(7) or section 252(d), as the case may be.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT.—After January 1 and no later than May 1 of each calendar year beginning with calendar year 2000—

“(A) with respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3), the Secretary shall add the amounts calculated under paragraph (1)(A) for the current year included in the report referenced in paragraph (1)(C) to—

“(i) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that begins on May 1 of that calendar year; and

“(ii) each subsequent limit; and

“(B) with respect to the periods described in subsections (a)(4), (a)(5), and (a)(6), the Secretary shall add the amounts calculated under paragraph (1)(A) for the current year included in the report referenced in paragraph (1)(C) to—

“(i) the limit set forth in subsection (a) for the period of years that includes May 1 of that calendar year; and

“(ii) each subsequent limit.

“(3) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary shall not make the adjustments pursuant to this section if the adjustments for the current year are less than the on-budget surplus for the year before the current year.

“(d) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR LOW ECONOMIC GROWTH AND WAR.—

“(1) SUSPENSION OF STATUTORY LIMIT ON DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—

“(A) LOW ECONOMIC GROWTH.—If the most recent of the Department of Commerce's advance, preliminary, or final reports of actual real economic growth indicate that the rate of real economic growth for each of the most recently reported quarter and the immediately preceding quarter is less than 1 percent, the limit on the debt held by the public established in this section is suspended.

“(B) WAR.—If a declaration of war is in effect, the limit on the debt held by the public established in this section is suspended.

“(2) RESTORATION OF STATUTORY LIMIT ON DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—

“(A) RESTORATION OF LIMIT.—The statutory limit on debt held by the public shall be restored on May 1 following the quarter in which the level of real Gross Domestic Product in the final report from the Department of Commerce is equal to or is higher than the level of real Gross Domestic Product in the quarter preceding the first two quarters that caused the suspension of the pursuant to paragraph (1).

“(B) ADJUSTMENT.—

“(i) CALCULATION.—The Secretary shall take level of the debt held by the public on October 1 of the year preceding the date referenced in subparagraph (A) and subtract the limit in subsection (a) for the period of years that includes the date referenced in subparagraph (A).

“(ii) ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary shall add the amount calculated under clause (i) to—

“(I) the limit in subsection (a) for the period of fiscal years that includes the date referenced in subparagraph (A); and

“(II) each subsequent limit.

“(e) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIMIT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PROVISIONS THAT AFFECT ON-BUDGET LEVELS.—

“(1) ESTIMATE OF LEGISLATION.—

“(A) CALCULATION.—If social security reform legislation is enacted, OMB shall estimate the amount the debt held by the public will change as a result of the legislation's effect on the level of total outlays and receipts excluding the impact on outlays and receipts of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund.

“(B) BASELINE LEVELS.—OMB shall calculate the changes in subparagraph (A) relative to baseline levels for each fiscal year through fiscal year 2010 using current estimates.

“(C) ESTIMATE.—OMB shall include the estimate required by this paragraph in the report required under section 252(d) for social security reform legislation.

“(2) ADJUSTMENT TO LIMIT ON THE DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC.—If social security reform legislation is enacted, the Secretary shall adjust the limit on the debt held by the public for each period of fiscal years by the amounts determined under paragraph (1)(A) for the relevant fiscal years included in the report referenced in paragraph (1)(C).

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(2) SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM LEGISLATION.—The term ‘social security reform legislation’ means a bill or joint resolution that is enacted into law and includes a provision stating the following:

“() SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM LEGISLATION.—For the purposes of the Social Security Surplus Preservation and Debt Reduction Act, this Act constitutes social security reform legislation.”

This paragraph shall apply only to the first bill or joint resolution enacted into law as described in this paragraph.

“(3) SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PROVISIONS.—The term ‘social security reform provisions’ means a provision or provisions identified in social security reform legislation stating the following:

“() SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM PROVISIONS.—For the purposes of the Social Security Surplus Preservation and Debt Reduction Act, _____ of this Act constitutes or constitute social security reform provisions’, with a list of specific provisions in that bill or joint resolution specified in the blank space.”

SEC. 205. PRESIDENT'S BUDGET.

Section 1105(f) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “in a manner consistent” and inserting “in compliance”.

SEC. 206. SUNSET.

This title and the amendments made by this title shall expire on April 30, 2010.

This section shall become effective 1 day after enactment.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on April 21, 1999, in SR-328A at 8:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the USDA Office of the Inspector General's report on crop insurance reform.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., in closed session, to receive a briefing on current military operations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, in open session, to receive testimony on the science and technology program, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2000 and the future years defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 20, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 25, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999; S. 446, the Resources 2000 Act; S. 532, the Public Land and Recreation Investment Act of 1999; and the Administration's Lands Legacy proposal.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 20, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on April 20, 1999, at 10:30 a.m., for a hearing on the nominations of Stephen Glickman to be associate judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, Judge Eric Washington to be associate judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals, and Hiram Puig-Lugo to be associate judge of the D.C. Superior Court.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CRAIG. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet for a hearing regarding Senate Joint Resolution 14, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States, during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs contingency plans for year 2000. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, at 2:30 p.m., in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO EXERCISE TIGER VETERANS

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Hoosier and American veterans of Exercise Tiger. Exercise Tiger began as a top secret naval “dress rehearsal” for the impending Allied Invasion of Normandy. In the early morning of April 28, 1944, German warships attacked eight American tank landing ships (LST's) without warning during the exercise in the English Channel. Two American LST's were sunk, and a third was crippled. Of the 4,000-man force, 749 were lost in this short battle.

On April 23, Exercise Tiger veterans will be honored at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana in commemoration of the 55th anniversary of the engagement. Tom Glynn, a retired US Navy veteran of Exercise Tiger, will lay a wreath at the grave of Frederick C. Carr, US Navy, LST-531, who died in the operation at Slapton Sands. The toll of a US Navy ship's bell will bring the ceremony to a close, ringing once for each of the eight ships involved in Exercise Tiger.

Because of the sensitive nature of the mission, veterans of Exercise Tiger were not properly recognized after the operation. Today's ceremony in Indianapolis is the first tribute in Indiana to honor the memory of fallen heroes of the battle. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring these courageous servicemen for their valiant service to the United States of America.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES P. SCHUETTE

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Outagamie County Executive James P. Schuette, who is retiring this April after 25 years of service. A lifelong resident of Outagamie